

In other news

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Maestas-Swazo named Lab's tribal liaison

Rosemary Maestas-Swazo recently was selected as Los Alamos National Laboratory's new Tribal Liaison. She will be working out of the Laboratory's Government Affairs and Protocol Office. Currently general counsel for the Pueblo of Pojaque, Maestas-Swazo has served as a senate majority pool analyst for the New Mexico State Senate, in-house legal counsel for the Public Service Company of New Mexico's Customer and Delivery Services and as an assistant attorney general for the State of New Mexico. "I am very pleased to have someone with Rosemary's unique skills representing the Laboratory," said Patrick Woehrle, director of the Government Affairs and Protocol Office. "She has a lifetime of experience with the Native American community in northern New Mexico, and that will be very valuable as we navigate the many complex issues involving our pueblo neighbors." Maestas-Swazo holds a Juris Doctor from the

University of New Mexico Law School, a Master of Business Administration, a Bachelor of Accountancy from the College of Santa Fe and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New Mexico.

New head for DOE's Los Alamos cleanup office

Douglas Hintze, a top U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) leader at the Savannah River Site, has been named manager of the environmental management program at DOE's Los Alamos Field Office.

The Los Alamos Field Office's environmental management program was created earlier this year during a transition of responsibilities for Los Alamos National Laboratory's environmental cleanup activities. Hintze has more than 22 years of experience working for DOE.

2015 recipients of Northern New Mexico Tribal Business Scholarship

Two students from Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo—Georgiana Aquino and Robert Archuleta—and one student from Santa Clara Pueblo—Aynjil Baca—have been named as awardees of the 2015 Northern New Mexico Tribal Business Scholarship.

The tribal business scholarship, now in its second year, is designed to help Native American communities enhance their business and economic development opportunities and meet the growing tribal needs for qualified accountants, business administrators, financial analysts and management information system professionals.

The scholarship is supported by Los Alamos National Laboratory and administered through the [Los Alamos National Laboratory \(LANL\) Foundation](#).

LANL Laces and school supplies drive and invest in students

Laboratory employees and community partners donated gift cards to purchase 211 new pairs of shoes as well as 930 new backpacks filled with school supplies during this year's combined Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Laces campaign and school supplies drive.

The backpacks and shoes were distributed to schools across northern New Mexico, including five tribal schools.

Monetary donations from Cray Computer and Dollars 4 Schools were used to purchase additional backpacks and school supplies at a reduced cost from Staples.

Other partners were Del Norte Credit Union, Century Bank in Española and Smith's Marketplace.

Seven Mexican spotted owl chicks hatch on Lab property

Biologists recently located a record seven federally threatened Mexican spotted owl chicks on Los Alamos National Laboratory property during nest surveys. "We've never found this many chicks," said Chuck Hathcock, wildlife biologist with the Laboratory's Environmental Stewardship group. "It's encouraging to see successful nests, because it's an indication that our efforts to protect these species are making an impact." Under its Habitat Management Plan, the Laboratory protects and manages species that are federally listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act, including the Mexican spotted owl and Jemez Mountain salamander. The Laboratory's plan was originally approved in 2000 and requires surveillance and protection of endangered species and their habitats.

Much of the owls' primary habitat in the Jemez Mountains was destroyed during the Las Conchas fire in 2011, making the protection of the remaining habitat on Laboratory

property even more crucial. “Stewardship and our national mission operate hand-in-hand at the Laboratory,” said Michael Brandt, Associate Director of Environment, Safety and Health. “We’re committed to establishing protective actions for our environment while planning mission-critical projects. Through these efforts, we hope to maintain a robust wildlife habitat as we strive to achieve the Laboratory’s mission.”

New Community Programs Office podcast

In a new podcast—[The Nature Conservancy \(NM\) on STEM Education, Watershed Protection and Forest Fire Prevention](#)— Laura McCarthy, conservations programs director with the Nature Conservancy based in Santa Fe, and Carole Rutten from Los Alamos National Laboratory’s Community Programs Office, discuss the benefits of protecting our watersheds and the jobs that will create.

Los Alamos National Security, LLC, the company that manages Los Alamos National Laboratory, has partnered with New Mexico's Nature Conservancy office to reach K-12 students through two education programs this year.

Community Connections features news and opportunities that grow out of the Laboratory’s Good Neighbor Pledge: “To partner with our neighbors on strengthening math and science learning, diversifying the economy and expanding community giving in northern New Mexico.”

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